

**REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 11th NOVEMBER 2013**

**REPORT ON: THE SUPPLY AND ERECTION OF SECURITY FENCING AT OLD CRAIGIE ROAD ALLOTMENTS**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT**

**REPORT NO: 461-2013**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek committee approval for the erection of security fencing to protect the allotments at Old Craigie Road.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 It is recommended that committee agree the proposed improvements and instruct the Director of Environment to undertake these works.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The Director of Corporate Services advises that the costs of £24,754 can be met from allowances within the Environment Department's capital budget for 2013-14.

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

4.1 Following a number of incidents including break-ins and wilful fire-raising at council allotments within the city, a review of security fencing was undertaken. Following consultation with the Dundee Federation of Allotment Gardens Association, a programme was put together to enhance security at the most vulnerable allotments.

4.2 Improvements have already been implemented at West Law and Stirling Park Allotments and it is now proposed to undertake similar security fencing works around the Old Craigie Road allotments.

4.3 It is proposed to replace the existing wooden fence with a 1.8 metre high metal palisade fence, by re-using the existing fencing recovered following the demolition of Newfields primary school. The fencing will be erected along the length of the perimeter of the existing allotment.

4.4 The future maintenance of the fencing will be included with the Allotment Association's leases, reducing the future revenue implications for the Department.

4.5 The cost of undertaking these works will be £24,754 and will be undertaken by the Environment Department. Funding will be met from within the Environment Department's capital budget 2013-14.

## **5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

## 6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

## 7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

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